

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/710,156	SKINNER ET AL.	
	Examiner <i>K.A.</i>	Art Unit	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/13/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 12-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11/09/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

**DETAILED ACTION**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mrs. Reena Kuyper (Reg. No: 33830) on 1/21/2005.

The application / claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An electronic device, comprising:

a display screen;

at least one component configured to initiate user notifications based on events;

a processor unit configured to,

retrieve and display user modifiable

preferences that indicate whether the

notifications of said component are enabled or disabled,

save preferences input by a user, and

configure the electronic device to implement the saved preferences;

wherein said component includes an RF device; and

wherein said preferences include an indication of a RF status to display whether the RF device is enabled or disabled to render the electronic device safe for no RF zones.

1 4. (Amended) A method of setting notifications on an electronic device, comprising the steps of :

displaying user selectable notification options on a display screen of the electronic device;

receiving a user selected ~~notification-preference~~ preferences option; and

configuring notifications of the electronic device according to the user

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selected ~~notification preference~~ preferences option;

wherein said preferences include an indication of a RF status to display whether the RF device is enabled or disabled to render the electronic device safe for no RF zones.

1 3. (Amended) The electronic device according to Claim 10, wherein:

said display mechanism is comprises an indicator light; and

[[rf]] RF enabled status is indicated by the indicator light being set on.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-10 and 12-21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: 1-10 and 12-21.

With respect to claims 1, 14 the prior art of record fails to disclose or render obvious that the preferences include an indication of a RF status to display whether the RF device is enabled or disabled to render the electronic device safe for no RF zones.

With respect to claim 10, the prior art of record fails to disclose or render obvious a signal indicating an RF status of the tested devices; and a display mechanism coupled to the RF check mechanism and configured to display the indication of RF status; wherein: the display mechanism is a screen; and the indication of RF status is an airplane graphic indicating the RF status.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Kamran Afshar whose telephone number is (703) 305-7373. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by the telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached @ (703) 308-4825. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 for all communications.



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